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SUBJECT: MARCH 29, THE 88TH DAY OF THE OFFENSIVE

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1. SUMMARY. THE KC HAVE SO FAR FAILED TO EXPLOIT A 2-KM GAP BETWEEN FANK UNITS INSIDE THE NORTHERN DIKE 7 KM NORTH-WEST OF THE AIRFIELD. FANK IS MOVING TO PLUG THE CRITICAL HOLE. NEAK LUONG LOST TWO POSITIONS ON ROUTE 15 TO BANAM. ROUTE 4 FROM JUST EAST OF KOMPONG SPEU TO NEAR ANG SNOUL IS NOW IN KC HANDS. THE AIRLIFT RESUMED THIS MORNING. SIXTEEN ROCKETS AND TWO 105MM HOWITZER ROUNDS HIT THE AIRPORT. PHNOM PENH ENJOYED ANOTHER 24 HOURS WITHOUT ROCKETS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE KC HAVE SO FAR FAILED TO EXPLOIT A TWO KILOMETER GAP BETWEEN FANK'S 80TH AND 43RD BRIGADES INSIDE THE NORTHERN DIKE SEVEN KMS. NORTH NORTHWEST OF POCHENTONG AIRPORT. A BATTALION OF THE 80TH PULLED WEST BACK TOWARD ITS PARENT UNIT UNCOVERING THE HOLE, WHICH IS ON THE BOUNDARY OF BOTH UNIT AREAS OF OPERATION AND DEFENSIVE

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SUBSECTORS. FANK IS MOVING THE 28TH BRIGADE FROM THE

WEST BANK OF THE MEKONG NORTHWEST OF PHNOM PENH TO
PLUG THE HOLE AND MAY GET A BATTALION OF THE 28TH THE
AREA TONIGHT. TWO TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS WILL BE GOING
TO THE CHRUOY CHANGWAR PENINSULA TO REPLACE THE 28TH.

3. KC INFILTRATORS FORCED FANK TO ABANDON TWO POSITIONS
ON ROUTE 15 BETWEEN NEAK LUONG AND BANAM EARLY LAST NIGHT.
BOTH NAVAL CRAFT AND GUNSHIPS REPORT SINKING OR INTER-
DICTING KC RIVER TRAFFIC FROM KOH CHAMROEUN ISLAND NORTH
TO NEAK LUONG TOWARD THE SHORE LAST NIGHT.

4. A BATTALION-SIZED FANK POSITION EAST OF KOMPONG SPEU
RETREATED UNDER ENEMY PRESSURE AND THE KC NOW CONTROL
ROUTE 4 FROM 2 KMS. EAST OF KOMPONG SPEU ALMOST TO ANG
SNOUL, A DOZEN KILOMETERS FROM THE AIRPORT.

5. THE TUOL LEAP OPERATION AGAIN MADE NO GAINS. THE
AIRLIFT RESUMED THIS MORNING CONTINUED DESPITE SIXTEEN
107MM ROCKETS AND TWO 105MM HOWITZER ROUNDS ON THE
AIRPORT. PHNOM PENH HAS REPORTED NO INCOMING ROCKETS
SINCE THE EARLY MORNING OF MARCH 27.

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